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NEWS.

DR. ROLAND THAXTER sailed for Europe late in June for about two months' absence.

DR. B. M. DAVIS is in charge of the botanical department of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole during the summer.

THE *Fern Bulletin* for July publishes a sketch of Daniel Cady Eaton by Professor Setchell, accompanied by an excellent portrait.

DR. B. L. ROBINSON is now in Europe, where he will spend much of the summer examining types of American species in European herbaria.

IN *Rhodora* for June there appears a sketch of Edwin Faxon by Mr. George G. Kennedy, accompanied by an unusually well-executed portrait.

MR. A. C. MOORE, a fellow in botany at the University of Chicago, has been appointed professor of biology in South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C., the state institution.

DR. P. B. KENNEDY, of the Division of Agrostology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been appointed associate professor of botany and horticulture in the University of Nevada.

MR. GEORGE P. CLINTON, instructor in botany, University of Illinois, has a leave of absence for the year 1900-1, to study at Harvard. His principal study will be the Ustilagineæ and their allies.

DR. WALTER BUSSE, docent in the University of Berlin, has undertaken a journey through the steppes of German East Africa in search of technically and medicinally valuable plants and plant products.

PROFESSOR GEORGE L. GOODALE sailed in May for Europe. It is his sabbatical year, and he will be away during the coming college year. His work will be done by Dr. R. H. True and Mr. E. W. Olive.

MR. M. L. FERNALD will spend two weeks of July in a botanical exploration of Mt. Katahdin, Me., with J. F. Collins, of Brown University, Judge J. R. Churchill, Dr. G. G. Kennedy, and Émile F. Williams, of Boston.

DR. H. C. COWLES conducted a class in field study of ecology through the Tennessee mountains during June. He has been appointed to take charge of the botanical work at the Biological Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor during the summer.

MR. C. F. HOTTES, assistant in the botanical department of the University of Illinois, went two years ago to Bonn to equip himself for taking up as a specialty vegetable physiology. His work has proved so satisfactory that he intends staying another year. He will return to the University in September 1901.

A PROSPECTUS of an illustrated work on the maples, native and cultivated, in North America, has been issued by A. M. Lochman, Bethlehem, Pa. The work is to be by Charles L. Lochman, and is to have twenty-four full-page half-tone plates made from photographs of shoots and drawings, with forty-eight pages of text.

PROFESSOR DR. E. LOEW (Berlin, S. W., Grossbeerenstr. 67) and Dr. Otto Appel (Charlottenburg, Schloss-str. 53), who have undertaken to prepare the third volume of Knuth's *Handbuch der Bluthenbiologie*, appeal to all who have made biological observations on extra-European plants to communicate their papers or notes.

MR. B. T. GALLOWAY, chief of the division of vegetable physiology and pathology in the U. S. department of agriculture, was elected a vice-president of the A. A. A. S. and chairman of Section G (botany) for the Denver meeting. Professor A. S. Hitchcock, of the Kansas Agricultural College, was elected secretary of the section.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS of the Chicago drainage waters are constantly in progress in the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois. Samples from a score of places along the sanitary canal and the Illinois and Mississippi rivers are examined each week with a view of determining the extent and kind of sewage contamination, and the influence of natural conditions in the purification of the stream.

IT IS EXPECTED that there will be no changes at present in the staff at the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Shaw School of Botany. During the summer Dr. H. von Schrenk will make a study of the diseases of forest trees, in the interest of the United States Department of Agriculture, probably spending most of his time in the Pacific coast region. Mr. H. F. Roberts will pass the summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SESSION of the Rhode Island Summer School for nature study was held at the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Kingston, R. I., July 5th to 20th, 1900. In addition to Professor H. L. Merrow of the regular staff of the College and Experiment Station, the following botanists took part: Professor W. W. Bailey and Mr. J. F. Collins, Brown University; Professor J. M. Macfarlane, University of Pennsylvania; and Dr. A. B. Seymour, Harvard University.

THE FOLLOWING NOTE, written in response to our circular letter requesting for review a copy of the book named, may be of interest to botanists who

read reviews of it. They will at least know the price which the publishers offer for "a good review" and the "terms" on which, presumably, the book is advertised by such "scientific magazines" as receive copies:

DEAR SIR: Referring to your memorandum of July 23d, no copies of McIlvaine's *One Thousand American Fungi* have been or will be sent out for review. We have sent a few copies to the editors of scientific magazines, allowing them a special discount of 50 per cent. off the list price in consideration of a good review. Should you care to review the book on these terms we will be glad to send you a copy for \$6.

Very truly yours,

THE BOWEN-MERRILL CO.

ON AUGUST FIRST Dr. C. E. Bessey returned to active work in the botanical department of the University of Nebraska. He celebrated his resumption of botanical work by a visit to the Yellowstone Park for the purpose of studying the vegetation of that region, especially certain groups of lower plants. With his return to the department Dr. August Rimbach's connection will shortly cease, as he was engaged in the department during Dr. Bessey's year of service as chancellor. Professor John L. Sheldon, of the Nebraska State Normal School, has accepted a fellowship in botany in the university, and will return to study at the opening of the year. Dr. F. E. Clements, at the close of the Summer School, goes to the Pike's peak region again for further ecological studies of the alpine and sub-alpine vegetation, continuing also his collection of specimens for distribution.

THE PRIVATE HERBARIUM of Mr. Harry N. Patterson, of Oquawka, Ill., containing about 30,000 sheets, has been secured by the Field Columbian Museum, and will be installed with the rapidly growing collections of that institution as promptly as the careful cataloguing practiced in all departments will admit. The botanical department of the museum is to be congratulated upon this accession of one of the notable private herbaria of the country; one that will add a complete collection of Pringle's Mexican plants to its already excellent representation of the flora of that region and the Antillean islands. Mr. Patterson's herbarium is more or less contemporaneous with that of the late Mr. Bebb, which the museum secured some three years ago, and as Mr. Patterson made it his aim to secure a complete series of the species of North America, its addition to the collections of the museum will be of great value to botanical students and specialists in the west.